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SUBJECT	CASTRO (Check of Berlin Document Center Records)			
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES				
REF: A. EDNA-0722, dated 1/ September 1965 B. EDNA-10444, dated 13 October 1965 38 1. In response to request in Ref. B, the following additional information concerning the involvement of the student body of the Police Officers' Schools at Berlin/Charlottenburg and Piesportenberg/Necklenburg in SIPO and SD operations in Poland in September 1939 has been provided by alias CASTRO: a. The operational group engaged at the outbreak of the war in Poland in September 1939 was the so-called SIPO and SD Operational Group with the 14th Army (Kerngruppe s.b.V. der Polizei und SD bei der 14. Armee). b. This operational group was commanded by the SS-Obergruppenführer <u>Udo von KOTTBACH</u> (born 24 July 1895 in Schenckwitz), and was activated on 3 September 1939. It was composed of four battalions of Ordnungspolizei under the command of the SIPO Colonel, Dr. <u>ALBERT RASCH</u> (born on 7 December 1891 in Friedrichshagen). The Special SIPO Detachment was recruited from the student body of the Police Officers' School in Berlin/Charlottenburg, whose commanding officer was Brigadeführer <u>Otto HELLING</u> (born on 14 February 1894 in Werdhagen) as well as from the student body of the Piesportenberg/Necklenburg Police School, whose commanding officer was one SS-Oberführer <u>THESSLER</u>. <u>HELLING</u>'s Deputy at the time was Kriminalrat <u>SKINCHER</u> (born on 7 June 1900 in Bam or on 14 February 1906 in Appertal). (continued) Distributions: - Chief, Berlin - Chief, ES - Chief, CSB, Frankfurt - Chief, Hum Ops Base GROUP 1 EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION 52W-2-20				
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c. Others who served in the Special SIPO Detachment were:

(1) BURTMANN Fritz, born 11 Sept. 1901 in Torgelow/Pomm

(2) HARTIS fru, born 17 Sept. 1911 in Zarbat or 2 March 1906
in Weide

(3) HUCK Heinrich, born 7 October 1905 in Veltheim/Weser

(4) JOHNER Kurt, born 25 March 1907 in Riedling

(5) Dr. KUCHEN Hans, born 10 Sept. 1907 in Bamberg/Rhein

(6) KROHN Alfred, born 27 Sept. 1914 in Lach

(7) KUSCHEL fru, born 16 February 1902 in Schaplitz or 11 Dec. 1902
in Danzig

(8) SCHLIE fru, born 9 March 1896 in Vehrenbach or 25 Aug. 1913
in Konstanz

(9) SCHUDT Albert, born 6 May 1899 in Zeppenfeld or 16 Nov. 1918
in Allersdorf

(10) SPIESHAUER Heinrich, born 25 Feb. 1910 in Hirschfelde

(11) STUBEL Josef, born 1 June 1910 in Salzhay

(12) THIMANN fru, born 5 Aug. 1906 in Plettenberg or 1 Sept. 1909
in Seesen/Harz

(13) THIES Theodor, born 4 Feb. 1907 in Bad Finken/Pran

(14) ULLMANN Georg, born 30 March 1914 in Freist

(15) WINTERSTEIN Heinrich, born 1 June 1914 in Kampten/Bay

(16) WUNDER Eugen, born 29 Dec. 1912 in Peine.

d. CASTROF has requested that the Berlin Document Center make every effort, on the basis of the additional information provided above, to provide answers to the following:

1. When and from what organizations the individuals listed above were transferred into the operational group under von WUNSCH;

2. Where and for how long they were operationally engaged in Poland and into what organizations they were assigned after serving in Poland. (Since, according to CASTROF's information, most members of the von WUNSCH Operational Group are believed to have been attached to Stapsoteile Katowitz in September or October 1939, he expressed his particular interest in learning when and to what other Stapo or Kripo organizations any of the individuals listed above may have been detached or transferred after service in Stapsoteile Katowitz.)

3. CASTROF states that he can appreciate the amount of work that may be involved on the part of the BDC staff in efforts to track down the information called for. He has indicated, however, that any information that may be forthcoming will be of considerable value to CATIE in the pursuance of investigations of several important security cases involving persons suspected of having been involved in war crimes committed in Poland as members of the operational group under discussion. CASTROF has stressed again that this matter has been assigned a high priority within CATIE. Accordingly, an early response will be most appreciated.

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4. The only identifiable Munich traces on any of the individuals listed above are the following:

a. VONTRIEB, Josef - BOLA-23123, dated 1 April 1957 requesting HDC traces; EWMA-4185b dated 29 May 1957 forwarding HDC trace results.

b. WILLIAMS, George - EWMA-64870 dated 14 July 1964 requesting HDC traces for CATIE; EDEH-8264 dated 21 August 1964 forwarding HDC trace results.

c. WERNER, Eugen - EWMA-67287 dated 1 October 1965 requesting HDC traces for CATIE.

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